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## Wright, Joe E. "Grey Eagle" (Grangeville 1958)

Joe, 86, died December 4, 2020, in Bargersville, Indiana. He was born January 8, 1934, in Blue Diamond, KY. Joe was a USAF veteran of the Korean War and served in the Army Reserves until his retirement in 1994. He received his undergraduate degree in Business from Berea College in Kentucky.

Joe earned his Master's degree from Indiana University and was a consultant for the Indiana Dept. of Public Instruction. His heritage includes connections with the East Band Cherokee Nation. He has received many awards including those from the State of Indiana, Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Joe continued to do workshops until he was 84 when he retired the programs.

He competed in triathlons, biathlons, and marathons and would spend one week each summer bicycling over 500 miles with Army buddies.

Joe jumped at Grangeville 1958 and 1960-63.

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